

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 8-12 are pending in the application. Claims 1-5 and 8-12 stand rejected. Claim 6 is objected to. Claims 1-5 have been cancelled and Claims 6, 8 and 10 have been amended. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the Amendments and Remarks herein.

Claim 6 was objected to for depending on a rejected base claim.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating allowable subject matter.

In the interest of expediting prosecution, Applicants have cancelled claims 1-5 and inserted the limitations of base claim 1 and all intervening dependent claims from which claim 6 is dependent into claim 6. Accordingly withdrawal of the objection of claim 6 is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5 and 8-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lahm et al. WO 01/070671. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

In view of the cancellation of claims 1-5 and the amendment of claims 8-12 to depend from claim 6, this rejection is believed moot.

In view of the foregoing, allowance of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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